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Dear Mr. Lazar:

Your request for information pertaining to Boris Brasol was referred to this office by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) New York Office, via the Chief of Naval Operations, along with eight pages of documents for processing and direct response to you.

The processing of your request has been completed. All Navy originated information is provided to you at enclosure (1) in its entirety.

The FBI has taken an exemption pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). You may appeal any denial taken by the FBI by writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, within 60 days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite FBI FOI/PA #190-NY-270136, the number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Falling below the automatic fee-waiver threshold, fees in this case have been waived.

Sincerely,

Jean S. Conover
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Dear Mr. Sackett:

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Subject: Boris Brasol, 2 West 46th Street,
New York City.

A confidential source whose reliability and credibility are unknown has furnished the following information to this office:

"With the outbreak of Germany's war against Russia, the old Czarist emigrants of Russia have become very active on the side of Hitler against Russia, to help Hitler to overthrow the present government in Russia, establish a government of their own in Russia, then make common cause with Germany against Great Britain and America.

"When I left Europe to return to the United States, this anti-Russian movement among the White Russians was in full swing. In coming to New York, I was most anxious to learn what the Russian emigrants are doing also here. To my surprise I learned that also in the United States a very active and influential group of White Russians are at work to overthrow the present government of Russia and to make common cause with Hitler against Great Britain and the United States of America.

"In making inquiries I soon learned that this movement in the United States centers around the person

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giving decorations in the Czar's name and making appointments of Russian emigrant officers here.

"Not finding Boris BRASOL'S address in the telephone book, I located him nevertheless as having his office at No. 2 West 46 th St., N.Y.C., Room 1409. Having known him since the World War, I went to see him last Tuesday and had a two hour conversation with him. Mr. BRASOL told me bluntly that he has not changed his previous ideas and that only the Jews are responsible for the Bolshevism and Communism in Russia and that to liberate Russia from the yoke of the Jews, all Russians must wish the defeat of Russia at the hands of the Germans. 'I prefer Hitler to Stalin', BRASOL told me, 'no matter what happens afterwards'. 'How will you do this'?, I asked Mr. BRASOL. 'With the help of the Red Army', he answered. 'The Red Army must make immediate peace with Germany'. 'A general of the Red Army has to overthrow the government of Stalin, and then must conclude immediate peace with Hitler without regard to Poland, Czechoslovakia, or any other country.'

"It is true that long before Hitler came into power in Germany, BRASOL has believed in the Fuehrer-principle. He is now more than ever convinced that Fascism means the salvation for all the countries of the world. His hatred of the Jew is only an expression of his desire to overthrow the present government of Russia. When I drew BRASOL's attention to the fact that an overthrow of the present government in Russia would bring the greatest chaos to that country just as it did so during the first World War with the overthrow of the Czarist government, Mr. BRASOL repeated that of the three evils: Russia under the dictatorship of Stalin or under the Tartar rule. or Russia under Hitler, he prefers

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"To prove his contentions, Mr. BRASOL handed me a printed copy of the letter of a certain Dovhun, a Carpatho-Russian, which I am enclosing and which is self-explanatory.

"Through which channels the letter has come into the hands of Mr. BRASOL he would not disclose. It was in vain that I told Mr. BRASOL that this man Dovhun is in the pay of the Magyar government. It is the purpose of these emigrants to organize the Russian prisoners in Germany and all the White Russians in Europe in a powerful army against Russia. They are working hand in hand with the pretender of the Russian throne, the son of Grand Duke Vladimir, now in Berlin with Hitler and to be placed on the throne of the Czars as soon as Moscow is conquered.

"It is well known that Mr. BRASOL is the most active, most untiresome agent of the anti-Russian group among the immigrants here, having visited before the war, several times, all the Russian emigrant centers in Europe, and especially in Germany. He seems to have an active support among people in Wall St. He is tirelessly stirring up Russians here to protest to the United States administration of rendering any help to Russia.

"To Mr. BRASOL's activities must be ascribed also that the Russian Bishop Vitali of New York has sent a protest to the President, advising him not to give any help to Russia.

"This is important, because on the 8th and 9th of this month there will take place in South Canaan, Pa., a conference of all the Russian bishops in North America, at which will be decided whether any help should be given by the United States to Russia or not."

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"According to the "Novoye Russkoye Slovo", a Russian daily of New York, there will take place on the 8th and 9th of October a convention of the Russian Orthodox Synod in South Canaan, Pa.

"At this convention among other things, the all important question of the appeal of the Russian Orthodox Church in America for help to be given to Russia in her present struggle against Germany will be ventilated.

"Another question will be: 'What attitude the Synod should take to the Russian Church in Yugoslavia and especially as to the Bishop Anastasi, who was appointed by Hitler as head of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Yugoslavia'. It is known that Bishop Anastasi has given his blessings to Hitler and his war against Russia.

"A third question will be discussed by the convention, 'whether the Russian Orthodox Church in America should enter into correspondence by mail with the above named Bishop Anastasi.'

"All these questions will be of great importance, because at the convention will be present the Russian Bishop Vitali of New York, who has recently protested to President Roosevelt against any help to be given to Russia in her struggle against Germany.

"Bishop Vitali is under the influence of Mr. BRASOL, head of the American Russian National Committee in New York.

"The decisions to be made at the convention will be of great importance to the United States, especially as also the Catholic Church of America is becoming active in her struggle against Russia."